NTPC had communicated to the Ministry of Power that the above provision contained in the Draft Policy of Orissa Government would make power costlier and would not be in the interest of all-round development of the power sector in the State as it would discourage much needed investment and would therefore, be detrimental to the overall development of the power sector. Accordingly, the matter has been taken up with the Government of Orissa *vide* this Ministry's letter dated 30.08.2005.

Violation of guidelines for construction under IAY

1612. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

.,, (a) whether it is a fact that some States neglected the guidelines of Indira Awas Yojana for ensuring houses for the widows and handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such incidence has come to the notice of the Government. The Ministry of Rural Development has been regularly monitoring, *inter-alia,* the Indira Awas Yojana in so far as it relates to the number of houses allotted to widows and handicapped persons. The details of number of houses allotted to widows and handicapped persons under the IAY for the last three years are as under:

Year	Number of houses allotted	
	Widows	Handicapped
2002-2003	84686	11471
2003-2004	68726	11173
2004-2005	97245	17318